

**State Historic Preservation Office
Idaho State Historical Society
Quarterly Report
January - March 2004**

NATIONAL REGISTER

- Tricia continued processing NRHP nominations.

SURVEY AND INVENTORY

- A total of 258 archaeological sites were added to the state inventory.
- Through the BLM data-sharing program, work continues on developing GIS coverages that show geographical distribution of large archaeological sites, all emigrant trails in southern Idaho, and areas surveyed on BLM land.
- Accessions to the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory (IHSI) during this third quarter of the State fiscal year 2004, total only two properties. Both accessions were a result of new National Register of Historic Places listings.
- In conjunction with the 2002 proposed Expanded North End Historic District survey in Boise, the on-going project of identifying and archiving of the approximately 2,800 black and white photographs received from Boise City is nearing completion. In addition, the data entry and revision of the property records to include cross-referencing, accession numbers, and any corrections is also nearing completion. This one project has consumed a vast majority of the Registrar's work time during the past quarter.
- During February, plans were made and carried out to move all of the IHSI records filing cabinets from the Registrar's office across the hall to the former reception area office, now referred to as the "file room." The file room is much more conducive to allowing researchers the space they need to carry out their research projects. In moving the filing cabinets, the opportunity arose to tidy up the site files as well as the survey and manuscript files. Each file drawer now has fewer records allowing for easier record retrieval.
- As reported last quarter, there is still a very large backlog of property and survey accessions needing to be made from both CLG- and Section 106-related projects.

ADMINISTRATION

- Idaho received the FY04 funding from the National Park Service with award letter dated February 12, 2004. This year's grant is \$557,589.

COVENANTS AND EASEMENTS

- No covenants or easements were established or monitored this quarter.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- FY 04 grants were finalized with 20 communities throughout the state. This is the largest number of CLG grants awarded. Unfortunately, such demand also requires that the funds are thinly distributed reducing the range and complexity of projects.
- Staff made site visits to Idaho City and three times to Meridian to work with members of the historic preservation commissions.

TAX ACT PROGRAM

- No new applications were received this quarter.
- Don met with several prospective project developers this quarter involving the following buildings: Grange Hall (Eagle); Gem/Noble Building (Boise); and an apartment building (Boise).
- Don conducted a Tax Incentives workshop in Moscow to property owners and the members of the Moscow CLG commission; total attendance was approximately 30.

PLANNING

- Work continues to progress with the historic bridge survey (TEA-21 project); the project deadline has been extended to mid-May to accommodate SHPO staff changes to the draft context. The second bridge brochure was completed and SHPO received final copies (approx 5,000). Distribution of copies to other ISHS workgroups will occur in April.

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE

- Numerous projects have been reviewed under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As part of that process, many sites were evaluated for the National Register. Numbers are not yet available, as the records have not been entered into our database.
- Suzi and Ken attended a “Wings and Roots: Native American Campfire” meeting at Mountain Home Air Force Base in January. In March, cultural resource

personnel from Base and the Colonel met with Suzi, Ken, and Steve to discuss the Air Force's cultural resource management.

- In February, Ken, Glenda, Suzy and Mary Anne met with the BLM State Director and other BLM staff administering the cultural resource program. Topics of discussion included compliance activities of the last year, curation, data sharing, and professional staffing issues. A plaque was awarded to the SHPO office in recognition and appreciation for our continued work in data sharing.
- In February, Suzi traveled to Spokane twice to meet with Avista and regional Tribes to discuss FERC relicensing. Avista paid most of the travel expenses.
- Suzi attended a meeting in Eugene with regional Tribes, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation to discuss cultural resource management within Federal reservoirs in the Columbia River drainage. BPA covered the travel expenses.
- Mary Anne met with Boise NF personnel several times during the quarter to discuss upcoming projects and the future of the Heritage program. A new forest archaeologist will not be hired for up to a year.
- Mary Anne met with Nez Perce NF personnel to consult on upcoming projects planned on the Forest.
- Mary Anne met with personnel from David Evans Inc. regarding a project the company will oversee in the Idaho Panhandle NF.
- Suzi attended a meeting with fire and cultural resource managers from several agencies and serves on the National Interagency Fire Center's Cultural Resource Advisory Group as a representative of the National Conference of SHPOs.
- Suzi and Don continue to consult (almost daily) with representatives from the Department of Energy and Bechtel BWXT about Section 106 Review of the "accelerated" cleanup of the INEEL. The Idaho SHPO is urging DOE to document the important history of the INEEL to mitigate the effects of their site-wide demolition program. In March, Bechtel BWXT paid travel expenses for Suzi and Don to meet with DOE and Bechtel officials in Idaho Falls and tour the site.

EDUCATION

- Planning continues for the Northwest Preservation Field School to be held at Harriman Ranch this summer. Suzi, Ken, and Tricia attended planning meetings in Portland and Boise. Travel was supported by IDPR funds.
- Mary Anne completed organization and design of the poster for Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. Boise State University

again designed the publications. Idaho Department of Transportation produced bookmarks. The bulk mailing was completed with help from very competent staff.

- Suzi was nominated to serve another term as Secretary of the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Foundation.
- Don conducted two guest lectures at BSU in March for two “Introduction to Art/Architecture” classes. Topics included the National Register, historic properties, and rehabilitation techniques.
- Don also held a Tax Act workshop in Moscow in March (see above).
- Don presented the “Weird and Wacky Historic Sites” lecture to the local chapter of the DAR.
- Tricia attended Wood Window Repair Workshop put on by NPS and WA State Parks in early March. Expenses were paid for by the National Park Service.
- Ken, Mary Anne, Suzi, and Travis attended the Northwest Anthropological Conference in Eugene Oregon. Mary Anne was elected vice-president of the Northwest Anthropological Association, Inc.
- Mary Anne presented activities for Career Day at Linder Elementary School.
- Mary Anne worked with the State DAR and Alice Whitman Chapter to organize the Glade Creek plaque re-dedication event. This luncheon event is planned for August 28 in Lewiston. There will also be a photo-op scheduled the next day at the Lolo Pass visitor center for the DAR, USFS, Idaho State Parks, Idaho Heritage Trust, ISHS, Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Committee, and visiting National DAR dignitaries.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

- Mary Anne met with representatives from Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Panhandle NF, Bonner County Historical Museum, and local Sandpoint scuba divers to discuss the discovery of a dugout canoe in Lake Pend Oreille. This working group will continue to review any plans or proposals for documenting the canoe. Gaetha Pace has offered to pay the expenses of the NPS underwater archaeologists to come to Sandpoint to record the canoe and work with the local divers. We hope to prepare a long-term research project for the divers with some guidelines on recordation and a non-collection policy. The NPS personnel will be in Sandpoint sometime in the last part of April.

PERSONNEL

- Carrie Wakely, who had interned in our office last year, has been hired to work five hours per week to continue with inputting data into the IHSI automated database. Since starting in February, Carrie has been able to enter over 1,700 records, mainly from the Ada County site files.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

- Trustee Place made another generous contribution to the Idaho SHPO. Thanks again, Gene!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Respectfully submitted by,

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